Proposal for setting up of a thermal power unit at Ramagundam in A.P. by NTPC

708. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Thermal Power Corporation has submitted a proposal to the Union Government for setting up of a thermal power unit at Ramagundam (Andhra Pradesh);

(b) if so, the present status of the above power unit;

(c) whether the Project Committee visited the site and gave its opinion; and

(d) by when the work will be started and how long it will take for the completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) The National Thermal Power Corporation has taken up expansion of its Ramagundam Super Thermal Powewr Station in Andhra Pradesh by adding one unit of 500 MW in Stage-III. Work for Main Plant package has started after placement of award in August, 2001. Civil works in Main Plant, chimney etc. are progressing as per schedule. The unit is scheduled to be commissioned by August, 2005.

Power Projects in Gujarat

709. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing power projects in Gujarat, their production capacity along with the actual production during the last two years;

(b) whether Government are aware that there is a huge demand and supply gap in power sector in Gujarat;

(c) whether Government propose to make some arrangements with some other States to wipe out power deficit in Gujarat State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The details of the existing power projects in Gujarat, their actual generating capacity and the actual energy generated by them during the last two year is given in Statement (*See* below).